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Transmittal # 97 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE
FOR THE CHAMPVA PM (POLICY MANUAL)**

Explanation of the changes and related index updates to the CHAMPVA PM are in the following summary.

Transmittal changes may include removal of supplemental language previously noted in the body of the policy or the transmittal memorandum.

MTOC (Master Table of Contents)

- Amends Title for Chapter 2, Section 15.6, *SNF (Skilled Nursing Facility) Visits*.
- Removes Chapter 2, Section 22.4, *Support Hose*, to RESERVED.

Chapter 2, Section 4.1, *CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM*

- Under Effective Dates removes listing of individual procedures.
- Under Policy Considerations adds coverage of FDA-approved IDE clinical trails, and reference to Chapter 2, Section 17.8, *Requirements for FDA (Food and Drug Administration) Approval for Medical Devices*.

Chapter 2, Section 8.2, *ED (EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT) SERVICES*

- Amends Authority.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy Considerations clarifies observation stays greater than 23-hours is considered as inpatient care.

Chapter 2, Section 15.4, *SERVICES RENDERED BY EMPLOYEES OF AUTHORIZED INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS*

- Amends Related Authority.
- Under Policy Considerations removes reference that services performed by employees of authorized providers must be accompanied by the physician on a house call to be considered a covered service.

Chapter 2, Section 15.5, NURSING HOME VISITS.

- Amends Procedure Codes.

Chapter 2, Section 15.6, SNF (SKILLED NURSING FACILITY) VISITS.

- Amends Title.
- Amends Procedure Codes.

Chapter 2, Section 15.7, CONSULTATIONS.

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy removes redundant supplemental language.

Chapter 2, Section 15.10, HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT/INTERVENTION.

- Amends Procedure Codes.

Chapter 2, Section 22.4, SUPPORT HOSE.

- This Policy was moved to RESERVED status. Support hose is considered a medical supply under \$600.00 (see Chapter 2, Section 17.26, *Medical Supplies and Dressings (Consumables)*).

Chapter 2, Section 25.1, RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

- Amends Related Authority.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Exclusions adds endoscopic thoracic sympathectomy for the treatment of hyperhidrosis.

Chapter 2, Section 33.1, URINARY SYSTEM.

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Exclusions adds laparoscopic radiofrequency ablation and percutaneous radiofrequency ablation for renal masses/tumors.

Code Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in this transmittal.

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